(b) if so, when and the major findings thereon;

(c) what is the estimated investment required in this connection;

(d) during this financial year, how much funds were allotted for this national highway;

(e) out of which, how much has since been spent;

(f) during this year, how many major works were completed and details thereof in each work;

(g) as on date, how many major works are pending for completion and details of each work and by when each work is expected to be completed; and

(h) how many major works are expected to be started this financial year and details of each work, including its cost, location and time required for completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Estimates for survey and investigations for identification of deficiencies and requirement of realignment of Cochin—Madurai National Highway have already been sanctioned and the work is in progress. The investment required will be assessed only after the completion of this survey and investigation.

(d) to (h) Pending completion of investigation work, except for some minor works, no major work has been sanctioned in this Section of NH.

Allocation of funds for MNP

245. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the norms and criteria for allocating one lakh rupees per kilometer for new MNP (Minimum Needs Programme) roads by Government;

(b) whether this scale is feasible for the whole country specially in the flood prone and hilly regions of the North East.

(c) if not, whether Government will consider for changing the scale after consulting with the relevant departments and authorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

Payment of arrears to Indian Oil Corporation by DTC

246. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Transport Corporation has to pay Rs. 22 crores as arears to the Indian Oil Corporation for diesel and petrol supplies taken by the former;

(b) if so, give details thereof, and periods of such arrears;

(c) whether reduction in fleet of DTC buses in Delhi has affected its regular income being made from pass-holders;

(d) whether Government have some statistics to show the income made by DTC regularly from the pass-holders before and after reduction in its fleet

(e) whether Government propose to restore status-quo of DTC fleet to check further arrears on account of diesel: and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?